

Community Support for Local CPS Offices

ArizonaSERVES and the DES Office of Faith and Community coordinate the creating and strengthening of partnerships between community organizations and local CPS office personnel. The purpose is to provide local community support to CPS staff as they work with the children and families in their care.

Goals are:

- ❖ To foster/strengthen relationships between faith & community organizations and local CPS staff
- ❖ To improve the quality of existing CPS family visitation locations
- ❖ To ensure a sufficient number of CPS family visitation locations
- ❖ To create/increase in-kind donation support for local CPS efforts
- ❖ To increase community knowledge regarding the role and responsibility of CPS
- ❖ To provide meaningful service opportunities for faith and community organizations

Examples relating to family visitations:

- ❖ Provide make-over/modernization of family visitation rooms
- ❖ Provide toys/games/media for use in family visitations
- ❖ Provide furniture/household items for use in family visitation rooms
- ❖ Clean/maintain family visitation rooms
- ❖ Provide new family visitation facilities in the community
- ❖ Provide volunteers to support family visitations (i.e. transportation, scheduling, etc.)

Examples relating to CPS staff:

- ❖ Provide “welcome kits” for children who have been removed
- ❖ Provide clothing for children who have been removed
- ❖ Provide hygiene items for use with children who have been removed
- ❖ Provide gift/food cards for supporting children who have been removed
- ❖ Host CPS employee appreciation events/activities (coffee & bagels, meals, etc.)
- ❖ Provide volunteer support for organization/cleaning of donated items
- ❖ Provide off-site storage of donated items
- ❖ Provide volunteers and assistance as needed